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SUBJ: STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHN SCALI IN SECURITY

COUNCIL ON THE CYPRUS SITUATION - JULY 19, 1974

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE TODAY BY AMBASSADOR  
JOHN SCALI IN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CYPRUS SITUATION:

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WE ARE GATHERED AT A MOMENT WHEN PEACE IS CLEARLY THREATENED IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. AS RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL I BELIEVE THAT WE ALL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ASK OURSELVES WHAT IS THE MOST USEFUL CONTRIBUTION WE CAN MAKE TO AVOID CONFLICT AND TO STABILIZE PEACE.

WE HAVE LISTENED WITH GREAT ATTENTIVENESS TO THE WORDS OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. WE JOIN IN THE SENSE OF RELIEF THAT ALL OF US FEEL THAT HE IS ABLE TO BE WITH US TODAY AND TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS SO ELOQUENTLY.

MY GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING PRESIDENT MAKARIOS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS WITH HIM WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE THIS CRISIS AND TO HELP ENDING THE SUFFERING AND THE AGONY OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE.

LET THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THIS SITUATION. AS I STATED IN THE COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE, THE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT.

FURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE A FUNDAMENTAL POINT. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT CONSIDER "ENOSIS," OR UNION BETWEEN GREECE AND CYPRUS AS AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT CYPRUS AS A SOVEREIGN NATION CAPABLE TO MAKING ITS OWN DECISIONS IN FULL EQUALITY WITH THE REST OF THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

WE DO NOT CONSIDER MILITARY INTERVENTION BY ANY PARTY FOR ANY REASON TO BE JUSTIFIED IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. IN OUR VIEW, MR. PRESIDENT, THE FIRST AND VERY IMPORTANT STEP IS THAT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST RESTRAINT AND GOOD JUDGMENT TO PREVENT THIS CRISIS FROM TAKING FURTHER UNFORTUNATE TURNS. IN PARTICULAR, THE US GOVT IS FORMALLY OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT PROBLEM. SUCH ATTEMPTS WOULD SEVERELY, PERHAPS IRRETRIEVABLY, SET BACK THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH ALONE CAN BRING ABOUT THE PEACEFUL AND CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION WHICH

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WE ALL DESIRE.

THEREFORE, WE MOST EARNESTLY APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE BY FORCE. WE ASK THEM INSTEAD TO PURSUE THE MUCH HARDER BUT WISER COURSE OF NEGOTIATION.

HAVING SAID THIS, HOWEVER, I AM SURE THAT ALL OF US AROUND

THIS TABLE WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY CRITICAL UNCERTAINTIES IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. WE ARE GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT THE FIGHTING ON THE ISLAND APPARENTLY HAS CEASED. YET THE THREAT OF MILITARY ACTION IN THIS AREA REMAINS A GRIM PROSPECT.

I NOTE WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION IS IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO HIS EMBASSY EXPRESSING THEIR VIEW ON THIS CRISIS. I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT HE IS IMPRESSED. AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF THE POINT OF VIEW THEY WISH TO EXPRESS.

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE SPECIAL TREATY PROVISIONS WHICH GOVERN THE RELATIONSHIPS OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED IN CYPRUS AND THE HISTORICALLY UNIQUE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES.

GIVEN THE FORCIBLE OVERTHROW OF THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT, IT IS QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT STRONG EMOTIONS ARE WIDELY FELT ABOUT HOW TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. IT IS ALSO QUITE NATURAL THAT MANY MEMBERS FEEL COMPELLED TO PRONOUNCE THEMSELVES QUICKLY ON SOME OF THE VERY COMPLICATED ISSUES INVOLVED.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECURITY COUNCIL DOES HAVE VERY DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH WE MUST ALWAYS KEEP CLEARLY IN MIND. OUR OBLIGATION IS FIRST AND FOREMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES. THUS IN CONSIDERING WHAT ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE, WE SHOULD ASK OURSELVES PRECISELY WHAT IT IS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE. WHAT WE CLEARLY SHOULD NOT BE SEEKING ARE PRONOUNCEMENTS WHICH SERVE ONLY PROPAGANDA PURPOSES OR ARE WITHOUT PRACTICAL EFFECT OR WHICH BECAUSE OF THEIR NATURE WOULD SERVE TO INFLAME AN ALREADY AGGRAVATED SITUATION.

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FOR EXAMPLE, ONE SUGGESTION PROPOSED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IS TO HAVE THE COUNCIL DEMAND THAT GREECE REMOVE ITS OFFICERS IN THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD. AT THIS POINT I MERELY SUGGEST THAT IF SUCH A PROPOSAL IS PURSUED, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD CAREFULLY WEIGHT THE IMPLICATIONS. WOULD IT PERHAPS LEAD TO AN EVEN MORE UNSTABLE SITUATION? WHAT WOULD BE THE PROSPECTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH AN APPEAL? I RAISE THESE QUESTIONS WITHOUT FORESHADOWING OR PREJUDICING MY GOVERNMENT'S ULTIMATE POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

AND LEST THERE BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE COUNTRY BY ANOTHER AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS MAY BE THE CASE IN CYPRUS, I REPEAT WE DEPLORE IT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNCIL IS UNANIMOUS IN ITS VIEW

THAT THE CYPRUS CRISIS DEMANDS A PEACEFUL AND CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION. BUT WHAT WE NEED TO SEARCH FOR OF COURSE BEFORE WE CAN PRONOUNCE WISELY IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT.

IN OUR VIEW IT CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE PARTIES WHO ARE THEMSELVES DIRECTLY INVOLVED. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY. INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN LONDON BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY OWN GOVERNMENT. OTHER CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE URGENTLY IN THE AREA.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS IT TO BE A SERIOUS ERROR TO RUSH TO JUDGMENT ON AN ISSUE OF THIS GRAVITY. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PEACE, TO STATESMANSHIP, TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS CRISIS, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT OR INSURMOUNTABLE THE DEADLOCK MAY SEEM.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN BRIDGING DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE DEFIED SOLUTION IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. LET US NOT AT THIS STAGE PERMIT OVER-HASTY ACTIONS IN ANOTHER CRISIS IN THIS IMPORTANT REGION COMPLICATE AND DELAY EFFORTS AND PROCESSES OUTSIDE THIS CHAMER. TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE WHAT NEITHER CAN ACHIEVE ALONE. LET US GIVE PEACE A CHANCE.

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